

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Trustees Galveston Independent School District

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Galveston Independent School District was held February 24, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, TX 77550.

Notice was given pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.127 as modified by the Texas Attorney General, that due to the state of emergency declared by, Governor Abbott on behalf of the State of Texas, and President Biden on behalf of the United States of America regarding the spread of coronavirus/COVID-19 (hereafter "COVID-19"), one or more members of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees may have attend this meeting via videoconference in order to properly mitigate the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to State and local emergency/disaster declarations. Notice is given that Galveston ISD intends to conduct this meeting via videoconference. As required by the temporary suspension, Galveston ISD:

- Has provided online written notice containing a free-of-charge website link, as well as an electronic copy of any agenda packet, before conducting this meeting via videoconference; specifically, the public may use the following free-of-charge website link: <https://www.gisd.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=5397>; or a live broadcast on Channel 17.
- Has provided the public with access and a means to participate in the meeting, at 3904 Ave T Galveston, TX 77550; or by telephone at 409-766-5139; and
- Has provided the public with access to a recording of the meeting.

The subjects discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the order shown.

*Audio visual recording of this meeting can be found online at:
<https://gisd.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL>*

Board members present: Brown, Smecca, Wagner, Oneal, Jobe, Masel Via Zoom: Lakin

Administration in attendance: Jerry Gibson, Annette Scott, Billy Rudolph, Audrey Torres, April Pinkham, Walter Fortune, Paul Byers, John Pruitt and Dyann Polzin, Connie Morgenroth

1) Call to order Open Session in the Board Room of the Lovenberg Administration Building, 3904 Avenue T, Galveston, Texas. --6:06

2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Texas flag. --6:06

Brown spoke about GISD staff that we have lost to Covid-19, Willie Ashton from transportation and Jennifer Rodriguez from Oppe. Also the loss of Janice Campbell, former GISD Board member and long time Communities in Schools volunteer. Most recent from Central Middle school, Terrance James. Asked for a moment of silence for them and their families.

3) Citizen's Request to Address the Board on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items. Please complete sign-up sheets available in the lobby prior to the start of the meeting. --6:09

Noah Schaun - Spoke favorably of SEL

Iyana Lopez - Spoke favorably of SEL

London Deyon - Spoke favorably of SEL

Ken Jencks - Spoke about middle school configuration. Disappointed matrix taken away.

Creacy Brown - SAIL teacher. An area of refinement that the district needs to improve is stakeholder engagement.

--Tony Brown - Point of privilege - Teachers working from home was brought to the board's attention by Dr. Gibson. He did not know that some SAIL teachers had somehow from someone, been given authority to work from home. There was no policy brought to the Board. All teachers need to be treated the same way and that's why the decision was made to require teachers to return.

Carrie Hunicutt - SAIL teacher. She is concerned with going back in the classroom.

Ms. Thu - Teacher at SAIL. Spoke about fairness.

4) District Reports

Discussion of Consent agenda "S" by Connie Morgenroth. --6:31

Presentation/discussion with Monica Leatherman, consultant from FBS

Discussion of Consent agenda "T" by Connie Morgenroth. --6:34

Garry Kaufmann from GIA present for questions.

Further discussion of other consent agenda items by Connie Morgenroth --6:36-6:40

Questions/Comments by the board --6:40-6:43

Report by Dr. Gibson --6:43-6:56

Gave kudos to staff members who worked to help our students and their families before and after freeze.

A) MECC Quarterly Report --7:04-7:17

B) Report on JROTC - *included in Dr. Gibson's report*

C) Board Committee Reports --6:56-7:04

1) Policy Committee Chair- Mr. David O'Neal --6:56-6:59

2) Curriculum Committee Chair- Ms. Monica Wagner--6:59-7:04

3) Facilities/Finance Committee Chair- Mr. Johnny Smecca--7:04 no report

5) Financial Reports and Budget Update --7:17-7:34

Presented by Connie Morgenroth.

Board questions/comments --7:34-7:45

Heather Foster - Parent of SAIL student who was unable to call in. Asking to keep SAIL as an option for learning. --7:45-7:48

6) The Board may recess into Closed Executive Session in the Library as permitted by the Texas Open Meeting Act Government Code Sections 551.071- 551.090 Subchapter D and E. --7:48-9:24

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the School Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed meeting then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either:

A) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting;
or

B) at a subsequent public meeting of the School Board upon notice thereof; as the School Board shall determine.

A) Personnel

B) Consultation with Attorney

C) Real Property

7) Reestablish the open meeting of the Galveston ISD Board of Trustees.

8) CONSENT AGENDA - Action Items --9:24

Motion by Jobe to approve all Items on Consent Agenda, except for Item G) (no purchases over \$50,000), Second by Masel. Unanimous in favor.

A) Consider approval of the minutes from the January 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

B) Consider approval of the Board's Time Use Tracker - January 20, 2021

C) Consider approval of the Board's Quarterly Progress Tracker.

D) Consider approval of personnel resignations and recommendations with contracts.

E) Discuss and consider approval of payment of attorney fees.

F) Consider approval of Budget Amendment

G) Consider Approval of Purchases >\$50,000 *No items*

H) Discuss and consider accepting donations in accordance with Board Policy CDC Local.

I) Discuss and consider approval of 2 deductive change orders totaling \$17,552.30 related to Bond 2018 Roofing projects that are now substantially complete.

J) Discuss and consider approval of purchase of Exterior Door Hardware for Central MS and Collegiate Academy @ Weis from Rae Security, using TIPS Contract #200203 (Alternate Bond 2018 Project; Priority Deferred Maintenance Item)

K) Discuss and consider approval of purchase of Exterior Door Hardware for Ball HS and the Annex from Rae Security, TIPS Contract #200203 (Priority Deferred Maintenance Items)

L) Discuss and consider approval of purchase of MEP Equipment for LA Morgan, Ball HS, and Moody Early Childhood Center (MECC) from CFI Mechanical using Choice Partners, Contract #18/306 MC-02 (Priority Deferred Maintenance Items)

M) Discuss and consider approval of Micro Air for Asbestos Consulting Services.

N) Discuss and consider approval of Audit Engagement Letter for the August 31, 2021 Fiscal Year-End Audit.

O) Discuss and consider approval of the 2021-2022 Juvenile Justice Alternative Educational Program (JJAEP), Funding Parameters and Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

- P) Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Galveston Independent School District and the City of Galveston for the use of Ball High School as a temporary refuge of last resort during a mandatory evacuation of the City.
- Q) Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Galveston Independent School District and Odyssey Academy during a critical incident involving an evacuation and reunification.
- R) Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Galveston Independent School District and Moody Gardens Hotel to house crisis management employees.
- S) Discuss and consider approval of Third Party Administrator for Section 125 Cafeteria Plan / Benefit Services.
- T) Discuss and Consider Approval of Property Insurance Renewal with Galveston Insurance Associates (GIA)
- U) Discuss and consider amending the contract with Teen Health Center, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$394,000 to provide mental health counseling funded by the Moody Foundation Causeway Galveston Grant for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- V) Discuss and consider amending the contract with Family Service Center for an amount not to exceed \$419,000 to provide mental health counseling funded by the Moody Foundation Causeway Galveston Grant for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- W) Discuss and consider the adoption of Local District Update 116 affecting the policies listed below.
- X) Automobile and General Liability Insurance Renewal
- Y) Update GKD-R – Use of School Facilities
- Z) Discuss and consider approval of resolution to authorize compensation of employees for days when District was closed due to inclement weather.

9) REGULAR AGENDA- Action Items --9:25

- A) Discuss and consider approval of contract extension with Moody Early Childhood Center. --9:25 *Motion by Wagner, Second by Smecca*

Discussion by O'Neal to clarify. 6-0 in favor. Masel abstained.

10) Suggested Future Agenda Items --9:29

Smecca - Would like to address some facilities issues at a Facilities meeting.

Brown - Would like to talk about attendance/enrollment numbers.

Masel - Kindergarten readiness

Jobe - Would like a presentation on the career tech programs are going at Ball and how they are doing and also would like to know about Life skills.

11) Board Comments --9:33

--9:33 O'Neal - Would like to thank the Superintendent and GISD staff for their work during the freeze. He would like to mention that GISD is transparent in its meetings and that meetings are recorded. He encouraged citizens to go back and view meetings for more information.

Jobe - Welcome to Dr. Gibson.

Masel - We have some excellent teachers and it was not anyone's intention to paint them all with the same brush. It was not the intent to have teachers working from home. Apologized for the confusion.

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*--9:37 Wagner - Congratulations to those who submitted artwork for the rodeo. Thank you to those who helped last week during the freeze. She addressed some of the things going on at SAIL.
--9:40 Smecca - Wanted to thank City Councilperson Robb and Fire Chief Olsen who checked in to see if the school district needed anything.
--9:42 Lakin - Thanks to all of the facilities people who took care of the buildings. Thanks to Dr. Gibson for his leadership and thanks to the staff for their patience.
--9:43 Brown - Thanks to all the staff who got through last week and back this week for all the children. Mentioned JROTC leader Maia Adolphs not being able to be at the meeting because she takes dual credit classes at Galveston College.*

12) Adjournment 9:44

Minutes taken by: Amedia Bly

Approved on: _____

Mr. Tony Brown, President

Mrs. Monica Wagner, Secretary

For the Board of Trustees